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HILLSBORO AMPED FOR 2012 CITY SHOWCASE

National League of Cities' premiere program celebrating city achievements

Hillsboro, Oregon – Hillsboro's electric vehicle (EV) program is being recognized by the National League of Cities (NLC) as a model program demonstrating innovative and collaborative approaches within government. This is one of 27 municipal programs selected for the 2012 City Showcase—NLC's premiere program celebrating city achievements.

The goal of the Hillsboro Electric Vehicle Program is to develop electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the community. This provides a way for citizens, visitors and employees to "charge up" and it supports the City's economic development and sustainability goals. The program established a streamlined process for locating and installing EV charging stations.

Partnerships have been key to the program's success. The City has worked with electric utility PGE, the Oregon Department of Transportation Office of Innovative Partnerships, the U.S. Department of Energy, the Oregon Electric Vehicle Association, EcoTality, Tuality Hospital and Pacific University to develop its EV infrastructure. Since its inception in 2009, the City has installed 35 charging stations in the community including the first level 3 "fast charger" unit in Washington County. In all, there are now over 50 charging stations in Hillsboro.

The program will be highlighted during this year's Congress of Cities and Exposition, held in Boston, MA, November 28-December 1. During the conference, representatives from Hillsboro will network and share knowledge with colleagues from around the country.

"The City Showcase is truly a celebration of innovation and collaboration in our nation's cities and towns," said Ted Ellis, NLC President and mayor of Bluffton, IN. "These programs represent municipal government at its best, demonstrating the success that can occur when creative minds partner to solve a problem or fill a need within a community. NLC is proud to recognize the 21 cities and towns selected for this year's showcase."

"City leaders, in concert with community values, have made sustainability a top priority. To promote electric vehicles as a new mode of transportation, drivers need to know they can conveniently "charge" their vehicles. Hillsboro leads Oregon and the country in the deployment of this essential infrastructure," said Hillsboro Mayor Jerry Willey.

Together the programs selected encompass a wide range of geographical locations, city sizes and topic areas. For more information on this year's City Showcase, visit: <http://www.nlc.org/build-skills-and-networks/resources/city-showcase>

About the City of Hillsboro: Now Oregon's fifth largest city, with 92,350 people, Hillsboro is helping to grow Oregon's future – from microprocessors to vital industries, centers of commerce and green spaces. Hillsboro is

a well-planned, affordable hometown with a strong economic base and one of the state's most diverse populations. It is the high tech corridor for the state and home to a broad range of businesses, large and small, including Oregon's largest employer, Intel. It also has the second busiest airport in the state and the fifth largest school district. Hillsboro hosts the second largest 4th of July parade in Oregon and annual events including a Latino Cultural Festival, Celebrate Hillsboro, and the Oregon International Air Show.
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